

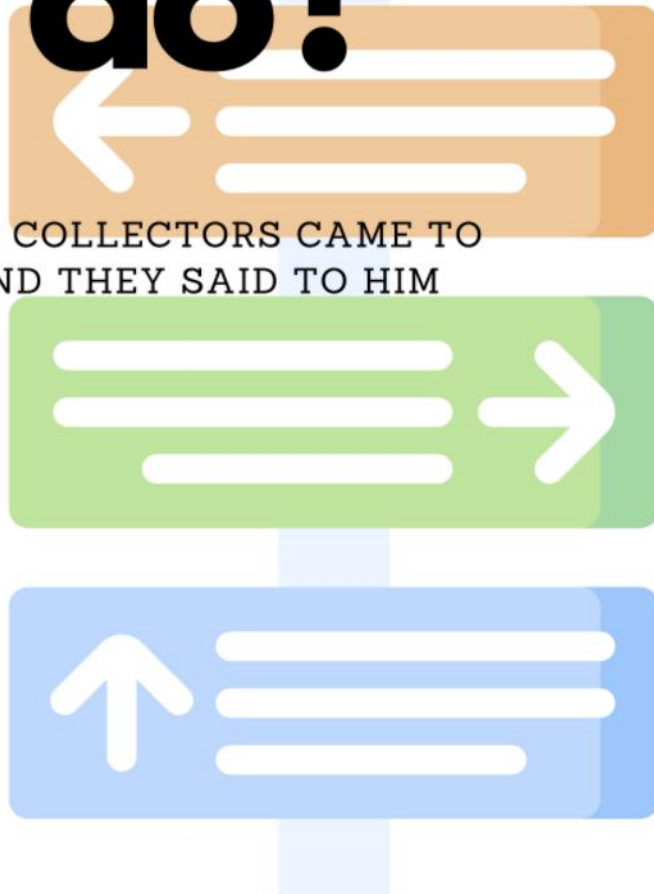


# *Our Lady of Peace*

# Teacher, what should we do?

EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS CAME TO  
BE BAPTIZED AND THEY SAID TO HIM

Luke 3:10-18



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**The Sacrament of Baptism**

is celebrated each month on the 1st Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesdays 11:15AM-12:00PM  
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM  
or by appointment.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)**

Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

**Prayer Request Line:**

Call the office: 814-833-7701 x0



**Our Mission Statement:**

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

**West Millcreek Food Pantry**

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

**December 2024**

15th Juice / Nutritional Drink

22th Nut Butters / Jelly or Jam

29th Pasta Sauce / Pasta



Pantry is OPEN December 10th & 20th  
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in  
Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

**The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations:**

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Pet Food
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

**Thank you!**

**The OLP Prayer Ministry**

This is a ministry for those individuals who are unable to attend usual parish functions perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate are asked to voluntarily pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring. Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

For more info, contact: Deacon John Mang at [deacon.john@olp.org](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. / Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading** - Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zep 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** - Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading** - Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** - Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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**Family Discussion of the Week: The Joy of Kindness**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)

**Adults:** What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

**Kids:** Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

**REJOICE!**

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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**Please see page 6**  
**for the**  
**Christmas**  
**Mass**  
**Schedule**



# Volunteer Appreciation DINNER

In gratitude for your time  
and service to the mission of OLP

**Saturday, January 18th**

**6:00 PM - SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**RSVP BY CALLING THE  
OFFICE AT 814-833-7701  
or EMAIL [marybeth.whitman@olp.org](mailto:marybeth.whitman@olp.org)**

Leading the way. . .

in truth,  
in faith,  
in love  
of Christ



## Readings for the Week of December 15th

Monday: Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
 Lk 1:5-25  
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don & Rinda Pulice - Nadine Shannon & Rinda Koladziejczak.

**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Sarah Harrington - Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Theresa Ferko; and for Dr. Daniel Carneval. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

## A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

## OLP 31 Club

**Praying for vocations every day of the year!**

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

### Upcoming Mass commitments:

Dec. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.  
 Dec. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.  
 Dec. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W., Barbra W., Nancy D.  
 Dec. 18: Rachel O.  
 Dec. 19: Amber D, Chris L.  
 Dec. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.  
 Dec. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.  
 Dec. 22: John G., Sally R., Dianne Y.

*If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.*

### When at Mass offer the Mass for

#### Vocations by praying the prayer below:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner \* but rather that he be converted and live \* grant we beseech you \* through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin \* Saint Joseph, her spouse \* St. Junipero Serra \* and all the saints \* an increase of laborers for your Church \* fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls \* through the same Jesus Christ \* Your Son \* Who lives and reigns with You \* In the unity of the Holy Spirit \* God forever \* and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations



## From the Pastor's Desk...

A blessed Gaudete Sunday to you! Recall the liturgical color of this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is Rose and the theme of this week is JOY. This week we also shift into Late Advent (December 17-24) which shifts our spiritual focus from preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ to celebrating the gift of Jesus' first coming over 2,000 years ago. One opportunity to help incorporate prayer in the days of Late Advent is praying the "O Antiphons" at 12:05pm in the church and on Facebook Live each day. See the O Antiphons below. Recall that the "O Antiphons" are part of the build-up in anticipation during this last week of Advent in the liturgy of the church. They are introduced at Evening Prayer on December 17th, and they are seven jewels of liturgical song, one for each day until Christmas Eve (which I see as a kind of Holy Week for Christmas and though traditionally called the days of "Late" Advent). They seem to sum up all our Advent longing for the Savior. The "O Antiphons" are intoned with special solemnity in monasteries at Vespers, before and after the Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving from the Gospel of Luke (2:42-55), which is sung or said every evening as the climax of this Hour of the Divine Office.

A vestige of the "Great O's" can be seen in verses of the familiar Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. The "O Antiphons" (Latin in parenthesis) appear below in English translation, with scriptural sources and suggested symbols. The first letters of the titles in Latin taken backwards form an acrostic of "Ero Cras" which translates to "I will be tomorrow", mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

May God bless our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Late Advent ahead!  
Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!  
St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!  
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!  
St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!  
St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

### Other notes from the pastor...

**\*\*Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit and Presentation** Recall that we are hosting the Vatican Eucharistic Miracle display throughout Advent. Each week we rotate through another set of the Miracles. They start on the west side of the church facing the pews and then follow along the arrows on the tables in sequence. There are two separate panels near east set of panels that highlight Blessed Carlo Acutis who created this exhibit with his family and on Eucharistic Miracles in general. This week on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Sr. Kathleen and I will be giving a one-hour presentation on Eucharistic Miracles from 6:30-7:30pm in the church.** I continue to encourage you to check out the exhibit throughout Advent and to join us Tuesday to dive deeper into these amazing manifestations of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic Miracles!

### **\*\*Tinseltown Advent Opportunities Remaining**

**"I Am the Immaculate Conception"** is a Catholic Documentary Movie showing at Tinseltown in Erie on December 17.

### **\*\*Advent Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

- Confessions after all Sunday Masses
- Normal weekly opportunities- Wednesdays: 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays: 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm
- "The Light Is On For You"- Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.** All participating Erie churches are open for confessions during this time.
- Extra Confession Times in Late Advent

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm.

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:15am-12Noon

**\*\*Masses this Week** Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>- Advent Weekday; Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>- Advent Weekday; Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>- Advent Weekday; Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- Advent Weekday; Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Advent Weekday; Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>- St. Peter Canisius, Priest, and Doctor of the Church (16<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch Jesuit and missionary).

### **\*\*Prelude Christmas Music**

I encourage you to get to the church early for the 5pm and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve. Voice of Peace Choir will be performing prelude music from 4:30-5pm and Selah Praise Band from 11:30pm – Midnight. This is a great way to prepare for our Christmas Masses and to show thanks to our music groups who put much time into preparing our music for the Christmas Season and help make it so special here at Our Lady of Peace.

**\*\*Our Neighbor's Place** This weekend we invite you to support for our parish participation in Our Neighbor's Place, an overflow emergency shelter in Erie. **OLP is taking the lead in providing volunteers and supplies for the week of January 15-21. Please see page 7 for how you can help.** In the past parishioners have volunteered with other faith communities in their weeks to support the shelter; but this is the first time OLP is taking on an entire week. I am excited that we are taking this step under the leadership of our new Community Outreach Coordinator, Andy Heinlein, and I have no doubt that you will do an outstanding job in helping us do this. This is such a great opportunity to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy of providing shelter for the homeless in our Catholic/Christian tradition. My hope is that we can even expand into more weeks if that becomes necessary.

**\*\*\*OLP Cursillo... Strive for '25** We are trying something in collaboration with the Cursillo Retreat Movement in our Diocese. We are planning a parish focused Curillo Retreat where OLP parishioners are the team members and we try to have mostly OLP members make the retreat. The Men's Cursillo is on **February 21-23, and the Women's Cursillo is on March 21-23. Both take place at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.** I am one of the spiritual directors, along with Deacon Ralph, and Mike McLaughlin is the lay leader for the Men's Cursillo. What is Cursillo? "Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is an effort to change the spiritual environment, to bring Jesus Christ into the world." Sign up is easy, stop by the office or register online at [www.eriecursillo.org](http://www.eriecursillo.org). Please contact Steve Patterson 814-746-8859 or Debbie Patterson 814-504-8400 if you have questions.

### The "O Antiphons"

**December 17:** (O Sapientia) O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

**December 18:** (O Adonai) O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

**December 19:** (O Radix Jesse) O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (especially a rose).

**December 20:** (O Clavis David) O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

**December 21:** (O Oriens) O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

**December 22:** (O Rex Gentium) O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

**December 23:** (O Emmanuel) O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 53:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

Are you ready to show the world that OLP is the place to be?



Order forms available:

- in the church vestibule
- the church office
- on our website.

### OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project



"Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present." ~Albert Camus

The residents, volunteers, guests, staff, and board thank OLP for your generosity over the years. The **casseroles** have been outstanding! Everyone at Maria House Project wishes you a very Merry Christmas.

The December **casseroles**, benefiting Maria House Project, can be brought to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on **Saturday, December 21st**, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you would like us to pick it up call us: Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us [scottiedippy@gmail.com](mailto:scottiedippy@gmail.com). You may also leave the **casserole** in the church office during the drop-off time. **Casseroles** should be pre-cooked, frozen in a disposable container, with reheating directions attached. Names or addresses are NOT to be included.

### Office for the Protection of Children/Youth

#### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Be Vigilant:

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

### Special Collection: Thank You

Women and men religious offer gratitude.

"Sincere thank s to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement.

### EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

November 30 - December 21



As part of our Eucharistic Revival and a continuation of our emphasis on growing in love for our Lord in the Eucharist, Our Lady of Peace will be displaying the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit inspired by Bl. Carlo Acutis this Advent.

The exhibit will be in three parts, changing weekly during each of the first three weeks of Advent.

On Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the church, Fr. Rich will give a presentation on Eucharistic miracles.

We encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic Revival called for by the U.S. Bishops.





### MONDAY, December 16, 2024

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos ~ Family  
12:10PM Sarah Harrington ~  
Mom, Dad, Kayleigh, Josh & Daniel

### TUESDAY, December 17, 2024

7:00AM William R. Miklos ~ Family  
12:10PM Ann Baloga ~ Rose Sheridan  
6:30-7:30PM Eucharistic Miracles Presentation  
by Fr. Rich Toohey & Sr. Kathleen Dietz

### WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

7:00AM Linda Platz ~ Family  
9:00AM School Advent Project Prayer Service

*Representatives from area agencies are on hand to receive gifts that the OLP School Community has collected.*

12:10PM Ann Cuzzola ~ Husband & Family

### THURSDAY, December 19, 2024

7:00AM John Vojtek, Sr. ~ Paul Vojtek Family  
12:10PM Joseph Foti ~ Frank & Suzanne  
2:00PM School Mass ~ Dr. Joseph Jenci ~  
Paul Vojtek Family

### FRIDAY, December 20, 2024

7:00AM Bennett Nolan ~ Family  
12:10PM Genevieve Krasnesky ~ Family

### SATURDAY, December 21, 2024

8:00AM Richard Notaro ~ Wife  
5:00PM Christine Langer ~ Parents



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY, December 22, 2024

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Attilio Ciccozzi ~ Ehrman Family  
9:00AM Richard Brazus ~ Wife, Marcia  
11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP  
4:30PM Andrew Novak ~ Family



### TUESDAY, December 24, 2024

7:00AM Robert Wiczorek ~ Family

#### *Christmas Eve*

5:00PM Peggy & John Pulice ~ Family  
7:30PM Michael & Marianne Fetzer ~  
Tom & June Carr

#### Midnight 12:00AM

Living & Deceased Members of OLP

### MONDAY, December 23, 2024

7:00AM Don DiPlacido ~ Family  
12:10PM Jerry Kenwood ~ Sister, Joan

### WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2024

#### *The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas*

10:00AM Albert & Dorothy Kremp ~  
Gary & Cheryl Carver

### THURSDAY, December 26, 2024

7:00AM Gertrude Milkowski ~  
Daughter, Nancy  
12:10PM Jean Yurkovic ~  
Mary & Dave Dombrowski

### FRIDAY, December 27, 2024

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz ~ Family  
12:10PM Lawrence & Patricia Smith ~  
Family

### SATURDAY, December 28, 2024

8:00AM Colleen Long ~ Belinda Mozdy  
5:00PM Edward Karpinski ~  
Jackie, Dan & Family



### SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30AM Edward Chimenti, Jr. ~ EJ & Judy Johns  
9:00AM Hank & JoAnne Starr ~ Holmes Family  
11:00AM Walter Schreiber, Jr. ~ Family  
4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

### MONDAY, December 30, 2024

7:00AM Janet Eisert ~ Richard Wingenbach  
12:10PM Marcy Lubin ~ Family

### TUESDAY, December 31, 2024

7:00AM Linda Platz ~ Family  
10:00AM Norma Kalie ~ Husband, Jim  
Vigil:  
5:30PM Don & Rinda Pulice ~ Cheryl Bennett  
11:00PM Holy Hour for Peace

### WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2025

#### The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00AM Giuseppina Iantomasi ~ Friend

OLP Families Together Presents

# Adult Night Out

Escape the winter blues with OLP...

**Saturday  
JAN 25TH  
6:00-8:00pm**

**“**  
We get it, you're busy and tired with juggling the demands of daily life...



... **BUT** “laughter is the language of the soul.” We want to help you develop a strong, healthy, faithful and fun relationships by giving you a night out. All are welcome: couples, singles, girls night, guys night.

We've got it all covered: fun, food and a night of laughter with local comedian Lisa Chimenti, babysitting available.

**“**

**- No Cost -  
Registration  
Required**

REGISTER AT [WWW.OLP.ORG](http://WWW.OLP.ORG) OR BY EMAILING MICHELLE AT [michelle.ohmer@va.gov](mailto:michelle.ohmer@va.gov)

## December

OLP Youth Ministry Schedule



15th-HS YG 5:30-7:30pm  
17th-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm (6pm optional silent Adoration)  
18th-HS @12th St Chick-Fil-A 6:30-8:30pm  
19th-St. Francis Adoration in McKean 8pm w/ fellowship to follow  
31st-11pm Holy Hour of Peace into the new year!




Questions email [Sarah.beaver@olp.org](mailto:Sarah.beaver@olp.org)

### Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale Thank You


**“Thank You”**  
from the Boy Scouts for our **Christmas Garage Sale**. It was a huge success all because of You!

Keep a lookout for our **Annual June Garage Sale**.



 Our Lady of Peace...  
Pray for us

### The Light is ON for You.



Confessions will be heard at these churches on  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - 5-7pm**

All Saints, Waterford	St. Gregory, North East (6-7pm)
Blessed Sacrament	St. James (December 17, 6pm)
Holy Cross	St. John the Baptist
Holy Trinity	St. John, Girard
Mount Carmel (5-6:30pm)	St. Joseph/Bread of Life
Our Lady of Peace	St. Jude the Apostle
St. Boniface	St. Julia
St. Francis Xavier, McKean	St. Luke
St. George	St. Peter Cathedral

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A

# HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

With all that has happened around the world and in our community, there is no better way to start 2025. Join us in the church beginning at 11:00pm with Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for the new year.





Erie Winters are long and cold; but you can help "warm the hearts of the homeless."



## OUR LADY OF PEACE AT "OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE"

**WHAT:** OLP will coordinate the overflow shelter needs for one week in January.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 15th–Tuesday, January 21st

**WHERE:** Our Neighbor's Place is located at 450 E. 16th St., Erie.

### PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY.

- Pray for a successful week
- Volunteer to provide food/snack for a day
- Make a financial contribution

### CALL OR EMAIL ANDY TO GET INVOLVED

Andy Heinlein, Outreach Coordinator

☎ 814-833-7701 x 206

✉ [andrew.heinlein@olp.org](mailto:andrew.heinlein@olp.org)

### HOW CAN I HELP?



Sign up to volunteer at the shelter



Donate Gift Cards of \$5 to McDonalds, Tim Horton's or Country Fair



Donate EMTA Bus Pass for 5 rides. Purchase at <https://ride-the-e.com/fares-2/>



Volunteer to prep nightly snack/breakfast bags



Donate clothing items:  
Women's sweatshirt/pants M, L, XL  
Women's briefs sz. 6-10  
Men's sweatshirt/pants M, L, XL, XXL  
Men's t-shirts (white) XL, XXL  
Men's socks

### DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE





## Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_


*Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.*

### CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes

# Get Connected

NEW TO THE PARISH? WANT TO GET INVOLVED BUT NOT SURE HOW?

- Register your family with the parish
- Check out the "events" page on our website, [www.olg.org](http://www.olg.org)
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